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KIAO CHAU LEASED.

China Has Yielded to the Demands of Germany.

SEEMS TO GET NOTHING IN RETURN.

The London Times Waxes Ironical Over the Situation, and the Editors of Other English Morning Papers Are In a Similar Strain.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Berlin Reichszeitung announces that an understanding has been reached between Germany and China regarding the cession of Kiau Chau bay to the former.

It is intended by the cession to render possible for Germany "the fulfillment of her just wish for the possession in the same way as other powers of a base for trade and navigation in Chinese waters."

The cession takes the form of a lease for an indefinite time. Germany is at liberty to erect on the ceded territory all the necessary buildings and establishments and to take measures required for their protection.

A dispatch to The Times from Peking says that the lease is for 50 years. The Times says editorially this morning: "It would be simple to assume that the Reichszeitung's dispatch tells the whole story, for it quite omits to say what China gets in return. To the world at large, however, the material fact is that Germany by physical force has obtained a naval station. This is the fact that must guide other powers in determining their own policy."

"The talk of a lease is a mere saving of appearances. There is no doubt that both Germany and China are aware that it is a practical cession in full sovereignty. It provides further argument in favor of an English guaranteed Chinese loan."

The morning paper editorials generally are in the same strain as that of The Times. They point out that the contract is one in which Germany apparently gets everything and China nothing, while the question of the safety of the missionaries is entirely dropped. Nothing, however, is said about railroads or mines.

The Standard says editorially: "England need not be ruffled, because she can claim exactly the same privilege as Germany. This is the logical and unavoidable position the government has taken up, and it is not astonishing to find that it has made a profound impression in Europe as well as had a satisfactory reception in America. Whatever Mr. Sherman may say, the mercantile community is well aware that England, in claiming equal rights for all, is fighting the battle of the American merchants and traders as well as that of her own subjects."

The Daily News says, "The great point for Lord Salisbury to consider is the possibility of Germany claiming the right to erect a tariff wall against other powers." Commenting with satisfaction upon the opinions of New York papers sympathizing with British policy, The Daily News says, "Such expressions of opinion may be taken as the bread of our free trade policy cast upon the waters and returning to us in international influence after many days."

The Daily Mail, commenting upon the fact that the United States and Japan are openly on our side in the Chinese affair," says, "For once we are getting some recognition for our generous commercial policy."

Judge Bennett's Funeral.

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O'GRADY ELECTED.

New York Legislature Begins Its Work at Albany.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—A spirited discussion was caused at the very opening of the session of the assembly by motion by the Republican leader, Mr. Nixon, to adopt the rules of last session. Mr. Green (Dem.) demanded an amendment so that bills could be moved from a committee at any time. He was backed up by his leader, Mr. Donnelly, who tried to stave off a long discussion by having the matter go over until next week.

The Republicans persisted in calling for the adoption of the Nixon motion. Thereupon Mr. Green made an attack on the existing method of committee work, and especially on the power of the committee on rules, which, at the close of the session, controls all legislation.

Mr. Donnelly did not agree with all of his associates' contentions, but pointed out inconsistencies in the rules. On roll call the proposed amendment was defeated—yea 51, nays 71. Mr. Laimbeer (Ind. Rep.) voted with the Republicans and Mr. Weeks, his associate, with the Democrats.

James M. E. O'Grady was elected speaker of the assembly by a vote of 77 to 67 for Thomas L. Donnelly (Dem.). James S. Whipple was elected clerk of the senate.

Bills without number were introduced in the senate. Among them was the antitrust bill, which will be supported by the Democratic party. The bill is the same as the one placed on the statute book last year, save that the objections raised to that law by Justice Chester and the appellate division of the supreme court on the immunity to be granted to witnesses and the power of supreme court justices are eliminated.

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Convicted of Extortion.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Ex-Police Lieutenant Samuel C. Rank was found guilty of extorting money from "blind pig" proprietors in the Hyde park prohibition district. The extreme penalty is a fine of \$500 and six months' imprisonment. Failing an application for a new trial, Rank was allowed his liberty on bond. He claims to be the victim of persecution.

Lived With Indians Fifteen Years.

SIOUX FALLS, Jan. 6.—Anna Russell, a white girl who was stolen by Indians in Montana 15 years ago, was rescued from them by the superintendent of the children's home who brought her to Sioux Falls yesterday. She was taken when a baby by Sitting Bull's band.

Ran Him Down With Dogs.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 6.—The pursuit of an assassin was concluded when William Baker was run to earth by bloodhounds and forced to kill himself by bloodhounds and forced to kill himself to avoid summary execution. When the mob closed in on him, the man blew out his brains with the same weapon with which he had previously assassinated his brother, George Baker, and his wife. The cause of the murder was a quarrel.

Judge For Ulster County, N. Y.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—Governor Black announces the appointment of Severyn Fruyn Sharpe of Kingston as county judge of Ulster county to succeed Judge A. T. Cluettwater, who has been appointed to succeed Justice Alton E. Parker as a judge of the supreme court.

Pleads Insanity From Cigarettes.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 6.—Cathoun Calkins, son of rich parents and formerly a young society leader, is on trial in the criminal court here on the charge of burglary and larceny. The defense is that he was made insane by the excessive use of cigarettes.

Attorney General's Secretary Married.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Mr. J. Walter Blandford, private secretary to the attorney general, was married yesterday to Miss Alice P. Middleton, who is well known in Washington society. Last evening the young couple left on a tour through the south.

To Admit Church Bells Free.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—At the request of the secretary of state, Secretary Gage sent to the senate the draft of a bill admitting free of duty the bells presented by the emperor of Russia to the Orthodox Russian church at Bridgeport, Conn.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

State schools of agriculture have been proposed in Indiana.

Samuel Fleming and Mrs. Sebastian Koch were killed by a train near Reading, Pa.

General Rosser has declared his belief in the innocence of Captain Dreyfus of France.

George Smith, owner of the rich Treadwell and other mines in Alaska, has committed suicide.

Reciprocity negotiations with France at Washington will be taken up when Ambassador Cambon arrives.

To Direct the Vatican Observatory.

LYON, Jan. 6.—According to the Rome correspondent of The Daily Mail, the pope has nominated Father Sears of New York director of the Vatican observatory. He will reside at the Vatican.

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President P. H. Hyde of the Harvard Cercle Francaise has given to the society \$30,000 to found a French lecture-ship.

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President Trask Resigns.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Captain G. D. S. Trask, governor of Sailors' Snug Harbor, has forwarded his resignation to Alexander E. Orr, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Sale of Park Bonds.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—Comptroller Roberts announces that he will at once advertise for the sale of \$400,000 of Adirondack park bonds on a date to be announced later.

WOES OF RATCLIFFE.

Wife Beater May Be Indicted Now For Bigamy.

ALLEGED FIRST WIFE INTERVIEWED.

If All That the London Woman States Is True, Then the Whitem Idol of the Matinee Girls Is Also Guilty of Perjury.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The woman alleged to be Edward J. Ratcliffe's first wife will probably sail for America in a few days. A charge of bigamy may be made against Ratcliffe, who has already been convicted of wife beating.

Howe & Hummel, whose purpose it is to have the marriage of the actor and Alice de Lacy annulled, yesterday received the following cablegram, signed by their London correspondent:

"Am mailing official copy marriage certificate certified by American consul of Edward J. Ratcliffe's marriage to



E. J. RATCLIFFE.

Caroline Raventhal, fishmonger's daughter, Aug. 19, 1882. Am seeking interview with woman."

In a second cablegram the correspondent stated that he had interviewed Ratcliffe's father and the father of the woman alleged to be Ratcliffe's wife. Both, the correspondent states, confirm the story of Ratcliffe's marriage in England. They say, further, that the wife's father has in his possession a letter written by Ratcliffe while in the United States in which he asks after the health of his son. This letter is addressed to the woman whom it is claimed he married Monday for a large demonstration.

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Wesleyan Freshmen Hurt.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Jan. 6.—A "double ripper," carrying a party of about a dozen Wesleyan freshmen, collided with an electric light pole at the corner of Broad and College streets last night with disastrous results. Fred Johnson, whose home is in Staten Island, received a severe blow on the stomach and is believed to be internally injured. John Havens had his right leg fractured, and Dudley Palmer had his scalp torn open and otherwise severely injured. Only two of the party escaped unharmed.

Want Work on the Canal Stopped.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—James A. Roberts, the state comptroller, took the highly important step yesterday as a member of the canal board of asking in a formal letter, addressed to Superintendent Aldridge of the department of public works, that further work on the \$3,000,000 canal improvement be suspended until a thorough survey has indicated what its actual cost will be.

Boy Killed While Coasting.

NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Augustus Burkert of Haverstraw, aged 17 years, while coasting on Fairmount avenue, Haverstraw, crashed into a large willow tree, fracturing his skull. He was taken home unconscious and died later.

Met Death in a Mine.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Jan. 6.—Three men were killed at the Avondale mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal company by a terrible explosion of gas. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Convicts to Be Flogged.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—Acting Warden Foster of the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary at Montreal has suggested to the minister of justice that flogging should be permitted to put down the rioting in that institution. Hon. Mr. Mills has decided to permit this to be done. The idea of Mr. Foster is to take some of the ringleaders and flog them in the presence of the other convicts.

Hotel Fire in Branford, Conn.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 6.—The Indian Neck hotel in Branford, the property of Miss Mabel Goodrich and leased by D. Harriman, was destroyed by fire. The loss has not been estimated. Origin, a

THE OHIO TURMOIL.

Hanna and His Opponents In Secret Sessions.

DOUBTS AS TO BURKE'S POSITION.

Newspaper's Sensational Announcement That the Democratic Prosecuting Attorney Has Laid the Political Situation Before the Grand Jury.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—Both branches of the legislature have adjourned until Monday. But both sides of the senatorial contest remain in conference daily and nightly at the Neil House and the Great Southern hotel, respectively. The secret work will continue till next Tuesday, when the two branches of the legislature will vote separately for senator, and the roll calls will show whether any changes have been made. The doubtful members made no flops. They are receiving the united and untiring attention of the steering committee and outside workers.

Next Monday Governor Bushnell will be inaugurated for his second term, but the exercises will not interfere with the senatorial fight. The anti-Hanna Republicans expect all of their followers here Monday for a large demonstration.

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Alleged Counterfeiting in Charge.

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MUNYON'S

"BILLY" WILLIAMS' BENEFIT.

Programme to be Presented at the Casino, Friday Evening.

To-morrow evening the following programme will be rendered at the Casino, on the occasion of "Billy" Williams' benefit:

Overture.....Orchestra
Announcement by the ben-Schary—"Billy" Williams.
A prettily arranged tableau, "The White Squadron," with grand chorus.
Messrs. Curran, LaMont, DeGraw, Thornton, Mulford, Curran, Bowers and Gillett.
P. M. Mulligan, in his American role.
Hall and Klugeley, musical magicians, in banjo, guitar and mandolin accompaniments.
Miss Curran, musical bella.
Miss Corkin, musical bella.
"Billy" Williams, the most artistic singing and dancing comedian before the public, in his original specialty, "The Masher." Also his famous Irish jig.
Everybody's favorite, Harry A. Fisher, in tenor voice.
Don't miss it, Will L. Curran, in his famous skirt dance.
Fifteen laughs in fifteen minutes, Frank Curran, in a little non-peculiar non-ense.
George I. Morgan, prestidigitator and ventriloquist.
Miss Little Wells, in viola solo.
Miss Durrian, in refined jingling.
Miss Lulu Fulton, in artistic fancy dances.
Thos. Gillen, in baritone solo.
Bruno Schubert, in musical bowls.
Messrs. Eilenberger and Fisher, in duet, choicer selections.
Miss Berta, the King of the Wires.
Harry A. Muford, in tenor solo.
Overture.....Orchestra

The performance will conclude with the laughable comedy, in one act, entitled, "The Senator from Texas."

Landlady of House.....Edith Williams
Senator from Texas....."Billy" Williams
Admission, 50, 35 and 25 cents. Seats on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's.

CONCORDIA COUNCIL.

Royal Arcanum Officers for the Year Installed Wednesday Evening.

Deputy Grand Regent Frank W. Brown installed the following officers of Concordia Council, No. 1076, Royal Arcanum, Wednesday evening:

Regent—Frank W. Elliott.
Vice-Regent—John E. Adams.
Orator—Ira L. Case.
Secretary—Theron N. Little.
Treasurer—Francis M. Barnes.
Collector—Roslyn M. Cox.
Chaplain—C. J. Mullison.
Guide—Harry W. Tuthill.
Warden—W. B. Carpenter.
Sentry—M. Katzinger.
Trustee—Nelson W. Wood.
Sitting Past Regent—Frank W. Brown.
Duty IX of Membership was given to W. A. Wood.

WAYNE COUNTY COWS TOO HIGH

Why an Orange County Drovers Now Buys Stock in Western New York.
From the Homestead Independent.

Drover Wickham, who last year purchased in Wayne county between 800 and 900 cows for the Orange county markets, for which he paid from \$25 to \$50 a head, has gone to Western New York in quest of stock, claiming that he could not pay the price, \$35 to \$50, now being asked by our farmers. Cows have advanced in price and are not likely to be any lower the present season.

An Aged Woman Probably Fatally Burned.

Mrs. Hannah J. Tripp, seventy-eight years old, who lived with her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Hopkins in Norwich, was shockingly burned, Tuesday morning, her dress having caught fire from a stove. Her recovery is unlikely. The unfortunate woman is blind and it is supposed her dress came in contact with the stove and blazed up before she realized her danger.

A Deacon Under Indictment.

Deacon Robert W. Morrison, of the Congregational Church, at Coatesville, Bergen county, N. J., was arraigned at Hackensack, Tuesday, to plead to an indictment charging him with disturbing a religious meeting. He was held in \$200 bonds. The deacon has been prominent in a factional fight within the church and his indictment is a result of acts committed when the hostilities were at their hottest.

Fire in the Bloomingburg Methodist Church.

A fire, caused by the falling of a large lamp, occurred in the Bloomingburg Methodist Church, just at the close of the prayer meeting, Wednesday evening. The blazing oil set fire to the cushions in several pews and did damage to the amount of \$50 or \$75 before it was extinguished. The loss is covered by insurance with Case & Taylor.

An Electric Motor on the Erie.

The Erie will test an electric motor car on its Piermont branch. The car has accommodations for forty passengers. The car was run over the Delaware Division, last week, and made poor time, but better results are promised when the machinery runs more smoothly.

Post Office Box Rent Must Be Paid by Jan. 10.

In accordance with a recent order from the Post Office Department, Postmaster Elwood has caused the following notice to be placed on in the post office bulletin:

All boxes not paid for by Jan. 10th will be declared vacant and mail placed in the general delivery.

Lancelot Lodge Installation.

Installation of officers of Lancelot Lodge, K. of P., will be held in the lodge rooms, Friday evening, Jan. 7, '98, after which steamed clams and other refreshments will be served. All members are cordially invited to be present.

Where Veterans' Reunions Will Be Held.

The annual reunion of the Orange County Veterans' Association will be held in August next in Major Benedict's Grove, Warwick. The Orange Blossoms will meet at Chester.

For Delicacy, for a city, and for improvement of the complexion nothing equals Pozzoni's Powder.

BACK AGAINST RHEUMATIC TROUBLE

Dr. M. Pozzoni's Nerve Powder.

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

The lithograph pictures of John L. Sullivan which were plastered up about town did not do that "hero of many battles" justice. They made the big, strong, bluff John look as if a pin was sticking in him somewhere. John ought to hire the fellow who made them as his sparring partner for a while.

While thinking of John L. and his show it may interest you to know that such shows always draw big houses yet rarely have any advance sale to speak of. The people always go to the box office for their seats when a ballet or a vaudeville performance is on the boards.

Mrs. Brierly's efforts to become a motorwoman prick the men on the road considerably. They are tired of her and want her to be retired on half pay, or any old thing. She has become the centre of attraction along the road and the men don't like it, while some of them go so far as to say that her car is always late. They say, too, that she is not a drawing card, the car on which she runs earning less money than many of the others.

A party of New York hunters were in this city, Tuesday night. They "had money to burn" and found friends in plenty who were willing to partake of their hospitality. They were "out in the country" for a good time, and they had it, and the "countrymen" enjoyed their stay. Wednesday they took their dogs and guns and went to Unionville to shoot the playful rabbit.

The sport on Highland avenue seems to lag this winter. The fast ones do not get out for any length of time. A few spurts up and down the avenue "in company," but no racing, have marked the season thus far. Highland avenue slants just a bit too much to be popular with the owners of the real stuff. They have no desire to run the risk of laying up an animal all summer for the sake of saying they "owned" Highland avenue during the sleighing.

The police and Street Commissioner are more than pleased with the promptness with which sidewalks are cleared by property owners, once their attention has been called to neglect. The walks in the principal parts of the city are now in good condition, and falls have not been very frequent.

A gentleman says the most beautiful incident which has come before his eyes in some time occurred at a church in this city which he attended Sunday night. He was early and he occupied a seat near the front.

A prayer meeting was being held in the lecture room, and as the doors opened and the people began to pour into the main room he saw among the throng a man whom he knew to be deaf and dumb and deformed from birth. This old man walked from the prayer meeting in which he had participated only by being present, and took a seat in the front of the church. All through the service he looked steadily at the pastor, a look of comprehension on his face: "I tell you it was beautiful" repeated the speaker.

AFRAID OF ITS CONDUCTORS.

How the Port Jervis Electric Railroad Proposes to Keep Its Men Honest.

The fare for a single ride on the Port Jervis electric road will be five cents. Six-trip tickets will be sold for twenty-five cents, and scholars' tickets, good for ten rides, will be only twenty-five cents.

To guard against the possible dishonesty of conductors, they will not be allowed to handle either money or tickets, but will wear a sort of nickel-in-the-slot contraption, in which passengers will be expected to drop their money or their tickets.

It is expected to have the road ready for business by Wednesday of next week.

WESTTOWN.

A Church Social.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

A social will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osborn, on the Lower Road, Wednesday evening, Jan. 12. A literary entertainment will be given. All are invited to attend. If stormy next fair evening.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

• Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for rashes and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly. That's what you want! W. D. Olney.

A PLAGUE OF THE NIGHT.

Itching Piles and Other Rectal Troubles
Easily Cured by a New and Safe
Method.

A Remarkable Number of Cures Made
by the Pyramid Pile Cure.

About one person in every four suffers from some form of rectal disease. The most common and annoying is itching piles, indicated by warmth, slight moisture and intense, uncontrollable itching in the parts affected.

The usual treatment has been some simple ointment or salve which sometimes give temporary relief, but nothing like a permanent cure can be expected from such superficial treatment.

The only permanent cure for itching piles yet discovered is the Pyramid Pile Cure, not only for itching piles, but for every other form of piles, blind, bleeding or protruding. The first application gives instant relief and the continued use for a short time causes a permanent removal of the tumors or the small parasites which cause the intense itching and discomfort of itching piles.

Many physicians for a long time supposed that the remarkable relief afforded by the Pyramid Pile Cure was because it was supposed to contain cocaine, opium or similar drugs, but such is not the case. A recent careful analysis of the remedy showed it to be absolutely free from any cocaine, opium, or in fact any poisonous, injurious drugs whatever.

For this reason the Pyramid Pile Cure is probably the only pile cure extensively recommended by physicians, because it is so safe, so prompt in the relief afforded and so far as known the only positive cure for piles except a surgical operation.

In one year the Pyramid Pile Cure has become the best known, the safest and the most extensively sold of any pile cure before the public.

Nearly all druggists now sell it at 50 cents and \$1 per package.

Address the Pyramid Co., Marshall, Mich., for book on cause and cure of piles and also hundreds of testimonials from all parts of the United States.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Rain; probably clearing Friday; warmer.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Prout's drug store to-day: 7 a. m., 26°; 12 m., 34°; 3 p. m., 36°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Jan. 3—"The Pay Train," at the Casino.—Jan. 7—"Billy" Williams' benefit at Casino.—Jan. 12—Hi Henry's Minstrels, at Casino.—Jan. 13—Concert by First Congregational Church choir.—Jan. 21—Excelsior Scoul.—Jan. 22—John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C. A., at Casino.—Jan. 23—Masquerade ball, at A. B. B. Club, at Assembly Room.

The annual report of New Jersey's Bureau of Labor shows a marked decrease in the average yearly earnings of those employed in the factories of the State, and thus in spite of the Dingley tariff's increased protection. After a while the workingmen of this country will learn what those in other countries learned long ago, that protection does not protect labor.

The coal producing counties in Pennsylvania find their courts literally clogged with criminal cases as a direct result of the action of the coal producers in filling their mines with the scum of Europe's surplus population, who will work for wages on which Americans and self-respecting foreigners cannot subsist. In Lackawanna county, last year, the grand jury passed on 2,200 bills, many of them for crimes of violence. There were fourteen murders during the year and of these thirteen were committed by foreigners.

The newly appointed Democratic Commissioners of Accounts in New York city are to investigate the official acts of the various departments of the city government under the Strong administration. Tammany leaders say they are certain that much crookedness will be exposed and that, in any event, the people have the right to know to what extent Mayor Strong's subordinates lived up to their professions. No matter what the result of the investigation may be the mere fact that Tammany is investigating the "reformers" will be an object lesson in politics that will not be lost on the country.

Gov. Black's offer of \$10,000 reward for the arrest of Wallace J. Christian, the Sullivan County club murderer, ought to have been made months ago, but it is better late than never. It has been a standing reproach to Sullivan county and the whole State that this slayer of two men was allowed to escape without any real or earnest attempt on the part of the authorities to bring him to justice. The large reward offered by the Governor may prove an incentive to some detective to try at this late day to locate the murderer and "get the drop on him"—the only way in which he can ever be arrested.

WORLD'S ANGLO-SAXON CONGRESS

Called by A. B. Deming, a former Middletowner, to Perfect the Unity of the Race.

A. B. Deming who some twenty-five years ago was in the book and stationery business here, where Hanford & Horton now are, and who is now a resident of California, has issued a proclamation calling a World's Anglo-Saxon Congress. The opening sentence of the proclamation is: "Jesus is coming soon to establish His Kingdom of righteousness on the earth. By His will and for our sakes, it is proposed to hold at Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A., in Tinker's Hall, if suitable, from June 1 to July 4, 1898, inclusive, a World's Anglo-Saxon Congress, to promote and perfect the unity of our race in bonds of peace, and establish an Anglo-Saxon Israelitish Alliance for mutual protection and advancement. The congress shall consist of one delegate from each 200,000 Anglo-Saxon men and fraction thereof, from the world."

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THE SITUATION IN OHIO.

Hanna Is Beaten and The Combination Against Him Is On the Defensive.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—The senatorial contest has changed somewhat, to day. The anti-Hanna combine is on the defensive. As the count stands now, Hanna is beaten, for the opposition has a majority on joint ballot of three or four. It claims a majority against Hanna of six or seven and assets that it is secretly making accessions to its ranks.

The opposition is, however, kept busy defending itself. As the Hanna workers are constantly after doubtful members and are even starting hot fires for some of them at their homes.

The Republicans in some of the counties have held intense incitation meetings against Bushnell, the Republican legislators and others, and these demonstrations have disturbed some Republican legislators and others who are co-operating with the Democrats.

WIFE-BEATER RATCLIFFE RELEASED

Judge Dickey Grants a Certificate of Reasonable Doubt and Fixes Bail.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Actor Ratcliffe, recently convicted of wife beating was granted a certificate of reasonable doubt to-day, by Judge Dickey, in the Supreme Court. He was released in \$2,500 bail.

A warrant charging the actor with perjury has been secured by the District Attorney's office. The offense consisted in swearing that he had never been married before, when he had a wife living in London, proof of which the prosecution declares it now possesses.

BIG REWARD FOR CHRISTIAN'S ARREST.

Gov. Black Offers \$10,000 Reward for the Sullivan County Park Murderer.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Governor Black to-day offered \$10,000 reward for the arrest of Wallace J. Christian, who killed Horace F. Pritchard and Thomas Mann, near Wartsboro, Sullivan county, Sept. 29th while they were serving papers on him.

MILLION DOLLAR ROBBERY.

Said to Have Been Committed on a West Bound Train in New York City.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

THE TALK OF FISHES.

Sounds Recorded by the Phonograph in the Under Water.

When you see a lot of bubbles rising to the surface of a tank in which there are a number of fish you will know that the fish are talking. It is not possible, of course, to converse with fish, but a well-known professor has succeeded in getting a sufficient number of sounds in a phonograph to prove that fish language really exists, says London *Advertiser*.

The professor and a companion were lowered into the waters of the Mediterranean, near the little town of Brancalone, in an iron cage, taking with them electric-lighting apparatus, a phonograph and a camera. Mirrors were also taken, and by these the fish were attracted.

As each large monster came in sight a mirror was turned so as to bring the fish into full view of his own reflection. The results were astonishing. In nearly every case the fish waxed furious, and the sounds recorded in the phonograph are said to be of an astonishing nature. The shark, according to the sounds recorded, which are from fish of many species, seems to have a language quite different from all others.

Colonial Silverware.

Reproductions of colonial silverware are this season represented not only in tea and coffee services, but in trays, water pitchers, candlesticks and other pieces.

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—For kidney trouble, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—Hi. Henry's Minstrels will be the attraction at the Casino next week Tuesday.

—Newburgh's cigar factory now employs about 400 hands and wants more help.

—Hi. Henry has reduced the prices of seats for next Tuesday evening from 75 to 50 cents.

—A rehearsal of those who are to participate in the Williams' benefit will be held at the Casino, at 7:30, to-night.

—The moon is full on Friday evening, and at the same time a partial eclipse will be visible from 6:51 to 8:27 o'clock.

—A party of Port Jervisites, who fished through the ice on York Pond, near Lackawaxen, caught over fifty pounds of fine pickerel.

—Erie train one was delayed twenty minutes, this morning, by a loose wheel under one of the coaches. The coach was left at Tuxedo.

—“Billy” Williams, the comedian, whose benefit occurs at the Casino, Friday evening, intends to make this city his future home.

—Twenty-five acres of land, lying back of Stanhope, N. J., have been sold to a manufacturing company. The tract contains a water power.

—Those were indeed Chesterfieldians thieves who robbed a Hazelton, Pa., constable's house and left a note wishing him “Merry Christmas.”

—Hi. Henry needs no recommendation from the press. His attraction is well known and will undoubtedly draw a good house next Tuesday at the Casino.

—The American Athletic Union has dis-qualified the basket ball teams of the Hudson, Poughkeepsie and Yonkers Separate Companies from playing un-sanctioned games.

—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McNear and three children, of Newburgh, were found unconscious for the effects of coal gas, Wednesday morning, and were revived with difficulty.

PERSONAL.

—Charles Huntington, of New York, is in town visiting friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford are spending a few days in New York city.

—Miss Mabel Frost, of Newburgh, is the guest of Mrs. Fred W. Moore.

—Harry Howell, of Newark, was the guest of U. T. Hayes, Wednesday night.

—Rev. Mr. Halloran, pastor of the Port Jervis M. E. Church, was in town yesterday.

—Harvey J. Hopkins, of Middle-town, is visiting friends in town.—Newspaper Telegraph.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bull left town, this morning, for the South, where they will remain during the winter.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Woodrough, who have been the guest of George N. Clinton, returned to Brooklyn, to-day.

—Walter Weeks has gone on a visit to relatives. His employer, C. H. Sweezy, does not know when he will return.

—Miss Mary Margaret, of Deckertown, who has been the guest of Mrs. F. M. Stratton, went to New York city, to-day.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clawson, of Middle-town, are the guests of Miss Delta Greer, of Wagner Place.—Port Jervis Union.

—Miss Grace Buckley, who has been confined to her bed for the past week at the home of her brother, on South street, is slowly improving.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Taylor, of Poughkeepsie, formerly residents of this city, are in town, making their temporary home at the Madison House.

SURGICAL OPERATIONS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESSMAN ODELL'S FAMILY.

Congressman Odell's house in Washington was turned into a hospital, last week, three surgical operations being performed on members of his family. Two surgeons removed a sac containing foreign matter from Miss Helen Traphagen's hand; Walter Odell was relieved of an ingrowing toe nail and proud flesh was removed from Bryant Odell's tongue, which he had cut with his teeth in falling.

UPSET THE SLEIGH.

George N. Clemson's sleigh was upset at Fulton and South streets, this morning, throwing out the small boy occupant and the driver. The horses started up South street, dragging the sleigh on its side, and were stopped by D. L. Decker, who caught them in front of his grocery store.

Royal Arcanum Insurance Paid.

Dr. F. M. Barnes, as treasurer of Concordia Council, Royal Arcanum, paid to-day to Mrs. Allen \$3,000, the amount of a policy of insurance held by her husband, the late Dr. George Allen, in this order.

THE “PAY TRAIN” HAD A POOR HOUSE.

The “Pay Train” at the Casino was not eminently satisfactory, Wednesday night. The attendance was very light, and those who did go are grumbling at the show, to-day.

Impossible to foresee an accident. Not impossible to be prepared for it. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, Monarch over pain.

SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Fraud Jury's Work Completed—Only a Few Indictments Found—Ann Murray's Suit Against the Village of Port Jervis.

The Grand Jury completed its labors, Wednesday afternoon, and reported that eight indictments had been found.

In the case of Michael Driscoll, of Highland Falls, who was arrested while creating a disturbance in a saloon by promiscuously shooting off his revolver and acting too hilariously in other ways, no indictment was found and the prisoner was discharged.

James Malenky, charged with committing an assault at Cornwall, was not indicted.

The following indictments were found against parties in custody:

James Crotty and Chas. Cronk, burglary in the third degree, breaking into a car in Port Jervis on Dec. 25, and stealing several tubs of butter to the value of \$70.

Another indictment in the same degree was found against the same parties for breaking into a car and stealing cutlery to the value of \$100. This offense was committed on Dec. 17, 1897. Crotty and Cronk pleaded not guilty. Wilton Bennett, their attorney, asked that their cases be tried at the County Court. Bail was fixed at \$1,000.

Thos. F. Dillon, of Newburgh, who stole \$8.11 from the person of William Kerioin, was indicted for grand larceny in the first degree. He pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second degree, and the Court sentenced him to the Elmira Reformatory.

District Attorney Powelson says the Grand Jury was a most excellent one, and did its work intelligently and expeditiously. The foreman, Joseph Dunnigan, of Wawayanda, made a most expeditious official and showed marked ability in the discharge of his duties.

ANNA MURRAY VS. PORT JERVIS.

The case of Anna Murray, who fell on the ice in front of the residence of Rev. Dr. Mills, in Port Jervis, and broke her hip occupied all of Wednesday afternoon.

O'Neil and Royce appeared for the plaintiff; John W. Lyon, the village's attorney, represented Port Jervis.

The following witness was called by the plaintiff: H. B. Fullerton, who was Mrs. Murray's counsel at one time and later became Port Jervis' corporation counsel; Ann Murray, the plaintiff; Drs. Wm. Cudieback and D. T. Conard, both of whom had examined the plaintiff and testified that her injury was permanent; E. H. Ellis, Linda A. Jones, Catherine Boyle, Maggie McMahon, Esther Nearpos, Mrs. Monahan, Mary Kane, Howard Stern, Geo. M. Wells, whose testimony related to the bad condition of the sidewalk. Mr. Fullerton was recalled to prove whether the complaints were filed within the specified time. Mr. Lyon moved for a non-suit which was denied on the ground that the sidewalk in question had been left in a dangerous condition all winter.

Frank Lybott opened the case for the defendant.

The following witness was sworn in the defense: Chas. W. Elmsdorff, Street Commissioner of Port Jervis; John Conroy, Ella Hook, Henry Straker, N. B. Mondon, Florence Mondon, Ada F. Holden, C. E. Cudieback, Cornelius Cudieback, Jr., Rev. S. W. Mills, Elmira St., John Mills, Stephen St. John and Samuel Tonkling. Their evidence tended to show that the walk had been properly cleaned.

The fact was elicited, however, from Dr. Mills's account book that he had paid twenty-five and thirty-five cents for having 500 feet of walk shoveled, most of the payments having been made to his grandson, the eleven-year-old son of Dr. Cudieback.

Mr. Lyon summed up for the defense at considerable length, and a recess was taken until 1:30 o'clock.

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BY FRANK H. SWEET.

OLD Farmer Brownlee was moving slowly across his big onion field. He was on his hands and knees, and his head was bent low so that his near-sighted eyes could distinguish the weeds among the tiny, upright onion points. Now and then he raised himself wearily. His back was too old and rheumatic for such work, and he wished that one of his boys had chosen to be a farmer instead of a business or professional man. When at home they had taken all such work as this from him, but now the last one of them was packing his trunk for the city, and hereafter he must do his own chores and onion weeding. Well, he would not complain; the boys had bettered themselves, and that was what he most desired.

When he reached the end of the row he straightened his shoulders with a sigh of relief. Then a look of surprised inquiry came into his face. He thought he knew every boy in the neighborhood; but there, from the topmost rail of his zigzag fence, a ragged, unknown boy of 12 or 13 was regarding him earnestly. As he looked up the boy grinned conciliatingly.

"What is them things you're so careful 'bout tendin', mister?" he asked. Farmer Brownlee's face darkened. The idea that anyone could be so ignorant as not to recognize growing onions never entered his head.

"None of your sass, boy," he said, angrily; "an' just suppose you git down off that fence. Just you know there'll be a rail broke, or suthin'."

The boy sprang nimbly to the ground; but it was on the inside of the fence and not on the outside, as the old man had intimated.

"I'd like awfully well to know what they be, mister," he said, as he bent down to examine the green, needle-like points. "I've been watchin' you a long time, an' 'pose likely they're some extra fine posies, you're so careful of 'em. But say, if you don't mind, I'd like to try a row of 'em across. I b'lieve I can do it."

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"Not—know—onions! Well, that beats me!" Then a quizzical look came into his face. "I d'know's I mind you goin' across and back. I'll sit under this tree an' sort o' keep an oversight. You must be careful an' not pull up any onions. An' say," as the boy dropped on his knees astride one of the rows, "you haven't told me your name yet, nor where you come from."

"Boy Cooper; an' I'm one of the fresh-air boys over at that farmhouse 'other side the hill."

"Um! yes; I b'lieve I did hear Sol Perkins speak of takin' some street boys for a week. Crazy idea, I thought it."

For some minutes he watched the boy fidgetiously; then the uncertainty left his face and he leaned back comfortably against the tree.

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"Dinner bell? Shoo! shoo! 'Tain't nine o'clock yet. I only jest shot my eyes a minute." He glanced up at the sun, then down at the newly-weeded onions and his face lengthened into incredulous astonishment. "You don't mean you've weeded six rows! Why, that's much as my obstinate old back'll let me do in a whole day." Again the dinner bell sounded. "Yes, that's for me, sure enough. Won't you come in an' eat with me?"

"No! Mis' Perkins'll wonder where I've gone. But if you don't mind I'll come back soon I've eat. I'd like to try them onions again."

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"Come all you want to. There's plenty of work, an' we can set the when we're through. But it seems sort of hard for you to come down here on a vacation an' then work all the time."

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What Kept Him.

Wife—Why couldn't you have come home at a decent time of night? say?

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Interest in the Meetings Continues—Remaining Topics for the Week.

Interest in the union meetings of the week of prayer continues, and the evening meetings in the several churches are well attended and full of interest.

The topics for the remaining days of the week are:

Thursday, January 6. Families and Schools—Prayer: That in Christian households family prayer may be maintained; that the sacredness of the marriage tie may be universally recognized; that home life may be pure and loving; that the training in the family schools, colleges and universities may be in the knowledge of holy scripture, and with a view to the consecrated Christian life. —Joshua 24, 13-22; Psalm 133; Col. 3, 14-21.

Friday, January 7. Foreign Missions—Praise: For the growth and development of the missionary spirit during this century, and for great revivals amid persecutions in China and other parts of the mission field. Prayer: For the consecration of wealth to the kingdom of Christ; that faithful missionaries may be raised up in Christian communities; that converts may be established in the faith; that the number of native agents may be multiplied, and their efficiency increased; that the obstacles in all lands, arising from ignorance, prejudice and error may disappear before the gospel as the one true faith for mankind.—Psalm 2:2; Rom. 10, 6-21.

Saturday, January 8. Home Missions—Prayer: That Christian people may be led to greater personal effort, on behalf of the spiritual welfare of their neighbors and fellow countrymen, that blessing may accompany the work of home missionary societies, of city missions, and of laborers among special classes; that God's ancient people may be brought into the fold of Christ—Acts 1, 1-8; Rev. 7, 4-12.

Sunday, January 9. Sermons—God's people—His witnesses to the world: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord."—Isaiah 43, 10.

A YEAR IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Heavy Penalty Imposed on Jerry Reardon for Assaulding His Invalid Wife and His Sister-in-Law.

Jeremiah Reardon, of No. 11 Low Avenue, will spend the ensuing year in Albany penitentiary as a result of an assault upon his invalid wife and sister-in-law, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Reardon has been ill in bed for some time past, and Mrs. Katie Reardon, a sister-in-law, has been keeping house for her. Jerry went home Tuesday night badly intoxicated. He kicked his wife in the breast, and knocked his sister-in-law down when she expostulated with him. Her head struck upon the sharp point of a rocking chair, inflicting a bad scalp wound.

Reardon was caught, yesterday noon, but was too drunk to be tried. Toward evening he sobered up enough to stand trial, and was promptly convicted and sentenced as above. Officer Sharpe took him to Albany.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE POOR

Phil Hasbrouck Again Chosen Keeper by Himself and Mr. Sutherland.

At the meeting of the county superintendents of the poor, Wednesday, at Orange Farm, all the superintendents, Philip Hasbrouck, Alex. Sutherland and Charles B. Wood, were present. Supervisor Patterson, of Woodbury, was also on hand to advise the Republican members by act.

Superintendent Wood had nothing to do with their conference, so he went out into the barn and looked over the ten "trotters" which were there. Finally it was announced to him that Superintendent Hasbrouck would remain in charge of the farm and the "trotters."

SPEEDING THE HORSES.

Several Exciting Contests on Highland Avenue, Wednesday afternoon.

The sport on Highland Avenue was at its best, Wednesday afternoon. Several of the fast ones were out and made the snowly in their spirited contests down the grade.

B. B. Williams' Mudora, "Billy" Roe's Mouse, and favorites driven by Thomas Hemmey, Harry Prentiss, Dr. Gilson, Emmet Wood and George Waldron were among the horses on the course.

A Case of Ivy Poisoning in Midwinter.

H. H. Mondson has just had a most unusual experience—a case of ivy poisoning in midwinter. He bought, last week, a load of hay, in which it seems there was as much ivy as hay, and in feeding the stuff to his horse he was so badly poisoned about the face, hands and body that he was confined to the house for nearly a week, and his eyes were swollen shut for three days. Dr. Mills attended him.

He Cured of Deafness, But Doesn't Like Whispering.

Uncle Jake Blakeney, of Roe's hotel, whose remarkable cure from deafness of forty-five years standing by the Boy Wonder has been noticed in this paper, says that many of his friends, in order to test the genuineness of his cure, talk to him in whispers. He says he understands all talk in ordinary tones like whispering.

Salt Rheum Cured.

Sal rheum on my hands so that it would break open and bleed. I had to try it, and I have never led with salt rheum since I supped it. My boy had sores on his hands and feet, and I had to play it. His hands and feet were cured him.—Mrs. P. E. Petersburg, N. Y.

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A POOR COUNTRY.

Algeria Is a Place Which Colonists Should Avoid.

According to a French correspondent, Algeria is about the last place in the whole world that a colonist ought to go to. The temperature makes both agricultural and commercial success impossible. The country is a basard region, neither European nor colonial. If it were two degrees further south, or ten degrees further north, all would be changed. In the former case it would be an industrial paradise that would beat St. Domingo, Ceylon and India, because being at the very doors of France, it would be a suburb of Europe, whether 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 emigrants would go to cultivate coffee, indigo, vanilla, sugar, cotton, pepper and other colonial products. If Algeria were moved further north, its mineral wealth, at present incapable of exploitation, would enable it to rival Normandy, Auvergne, Beaujolais and Picardy. As it is, everything is blasted by the climate. The sugar cane has no sugar; it is inferior bamboo. The coffee berry is empty. The cotton is too short for spinning. The cocoa palm bears no fruit; the indigo plant comes to nothing; the pine-apple will not ripen; and the vanilla matures only in a hot-house. None of the spices will compare with the products of Brazil or India. Corn becomes hard in the third year; a mealy potato is unknown. Oxen in four generations dwindle from 700 or 800 pounds to 500. Fowls are poor; fruit is wormy; and even the banana is flavorless and pasty. There are a few good oranges; but the wine is acid and rough, the sugar of the grape not being amenable to entire conversion into alcohol. Even the human race is subject to the universal degeneration.

THIS WAS HIS MESSAGE.

The Young Woman Blushed in Anticipation But Needn't Have Done It.

In purchasing a present care should be taken that the price tags and charge checks do not accompany the gift, thereby causing temporary embarrassment. A young woman of this city received among her Christmas gifts last year a handsome pocketbook of embossed leather, which had been sent her by a young man who was supposed to have a tender feeling toward her, but had never expressed it, says the Chicago Times-Herald.

The whole family assisted in the ceremony of opening the small package, and when the wrappings were off and the nature of the present revealed, there was much merriment over the gift. The pocketbook was apparently empty, but in searching it a small card was discovered in a secret compartment.

"A proposal!" shouted the one who had found it.

"Give it to me instantly," demanded the annoyed recipient of the present.

"Read it aloud, sis," suggested a mischievous brother.

"Here," said the father of the family, with much sternness, "the young man has not consulted me—if anyone reads the message I should."

And without more ado the head of the family seized the tantalizing bit of pasteboard, and while his daughter hung her head in abashed silence he read aloud:

"All the trimmings on this pocketbook are of sterling silver."

It was the manufacturer's printed card.

CLAMS AND OYSTERS.

An Interesting Exhibit in the Salt Water Tank at the Aquarium.

One of the gallery tanks on the salt water side of the Aquarium has been stocked lately with oysters and hard shell clams, showing the clams as they appear in nature, says the New York Sun. The hard clam does not bury itself completely in the mud or sand which it may inhabit, but only to the depth of half or three-quarters of its shells. It opens its shells to feed, living upon minute forms of animal life floating in the water, and sinks or raises itself in the mud with the aid of its foot, the wedge-shaped part of the body that is nearest the opening of the shell. With its foot the clam pushes away the sand, and so lets itself sink deeper and deeper; and with its foot it can roll the sand under itself and thus raise itself.

Oysters must have something to grow upon, shells or stones or something. In this tank oysters are seen growing on a bottle, a familiar manner of growth, but always interesting. There are four or five oysters on the outside of this bottle, and there is an oyster growing inside the neck. Oysters inside bottles are not uncommon. In the tank also there are seen oysters growing on clams, but so attached that they do not in any way interfere with the clam's existence.

In this tank also are a stone and a bottle, each covered with what look at a distance like pieces of gray calico with small dark figures. These coverings or encrustations are formed by colonies of little animals known as ascidians.

Pats' Panther.

Three northern men were hunting in Missouri, and had with them an Irishman as cook. One evening, after dark, the cook took a pail and went to a nearby stream for water, and in less than a minute he came running back, all in a tremble. When he found his speech, he explained that he had been chased by a panther. The hunters set out to investigate, but could find no trace of the beast. The next evening the cook was at work when there came a wild, unearthly scream, almost over his head. "Panther!" howled the cook, letting the pot drop into the fire. There was a general shout of laughter. "You goose," cried one of the hunters, at length, "your panther is a screech owl!"

Convicts in the penitentiary at Boise, Idaho, are permitted to play baseball on Saturday afternoons. They have organized two teams, and their playing is considered quite clever.

Man and Wife.

Both Agree as to What Saved the Wife's Life.

When a woman has been abandoned by doctors to die, when she takes a medicine and gets well, when she and her husband both declare that medicine saved her life, what more can possibly be said of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy?

Mrs. J. M. Churchill, Cortland, N. Y., says:

"I had a very bad cough and could not lie on my left side at all. I also had neuralgia very badly. Many physicians in Cortland said I could not be cured, but I am thankful to say I am cured through taking Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. It cured my cough and greatly benefited my neuralgia. When I began taking it, I was very weak and it built me right up. I always had sick headache and trouble with my stomach, and it gave me relief from them."

In speaking of his wife's case, Mr. Churchill said: "Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy saved her life."

Sold by all druggists for \$1 a bottle.

VAN AND VON.

The Real Significance of the Dutch and German Prefixes Explained.

It is a common mistake of those who speak only English to suppose that the prefix "van" before a Dutch name signifies nobility. In the "low countries"—that is, in the kingdoms of the Netherlands and of Belgium—"van" has no particular meaning. Names with "van" are to be read on signs as well as on the doors of the most aristocratic mansions. The humblest persons have them as well as the most exalted, and a great number of the very oldest families are without it.

But in Germany "von" implies nobility, and all persons who belong to the nobility prefix "von" to their family names without any exception. Persons who do not belong to the nobility cannot have the right to put "von" before their names. A man who is knighted for some reason, however, has the same right to put "von" before his family name as a person of ancient nobility. For instance, when Alexander Humboldt was knighted he became Alexander von Humboldt. All his descendants, male and female, take the prefix.

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THE HEART MUST NOT BE TRIFLED WITH.

Where there are symptoms of heart weakness, there should be Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart; it's a magical remedy, gives relief in thirty minutes, and there are thousands who testify that it cures permanently. Mrs. W. T. Rundle, of Dundalk, Ont., says: "I was for years unable to attend to my household duties. I used Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, the result was wonderful, the pain left immediately after the first dose, and a few bottles cured."

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Terrible plagues, those itching, pestilential diseases of the skin. Put an end to misery. Doan's Ointment cures. At any drug store.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 6, '98. Yesterday To-day.

Sugar..... 141 1/2 142 1/2

Tobacco..... 89 1/2 90 1/2

Chicago Gas..... 96 1/2 97 1/2

St. Land..... 38 1/2 37

General Electric..... 34 1/2 34 1/2

U. S. L. pref..... 63 1/2 64 1/2

Penn. Coal and Iron..... 26 1/2 26 1/2

A. T. & S. F..... 12 1/2 13 1/2

C. B. & Q..... 99 1/2 100 1/2

C. M. & St. P..... 94 1/2 95 1/2

B. L. & W..... 89 1/2 90 1/2

C. N. J..... 11 1/2 12 1/2

Erie..... 66 1/2 67 1/2

D. & H..... 11 1/2 12

O. & W. & W..... 15 1/2 16 1/2

Susquehanna & Western..... 72 32 1/2

P. & R. & W. & W..... 22 1/2 23 1/2

N. Y. C..... 121 122 1/2

N. Y. C. & St. P..... 107 108 1/2

M. P. & St. P..... 31 1/2 32 1/2

Texas..... 27 1/2 28 1/2

U. P..... 26 1/2 26 1/2

W. Union..... 50 50

L. & N. & W. & St. P..... 55 1/2 56 1/2

Manhattan..... 112 112 1/2

P. M. & St. P..... 30 30

Wabash, pref..... 18 1/2 18 1/2

No. Pacific, pref..... 59 60 1/2

W. L. & St. P..... 59 59

Southern Ry..... — —

Southern, pref..... 30 1/2 31 1/2

May Wheat..... 90 1/2 90 1/2

May Corn..... 29 1/2 29 1/2

May Oats..... 23 1/2 23 1/2

May Pork..... 89 35 90 32

May Land..... 4 90 4 82

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